BRIEFING ROE TO AIRCREWS

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Briefing ROE to Air Crews

- Determining who should brief
- Preparation
- Pointers and Pitfalls

Who Should Brief ROE Ops or Legal?

- Operators
  - ROE is an ops responsibility
  - Experience in the mission and in applying ROE
  - Able to see conflict between ROE and SPINS and anticipate problems in putting into practice
  - Talk the same language
- JAGs
  - Communication and public speaking skills
  - Logic and rules interpretation
- Best bet is to have both there during the briefing

Preparation

- Get into the books
- Get out of the office!

Recommended Reading

- Air Force Law Review Articles
- Browse through the entire SROE
- After action reports

Air Force Law Review Articles

- Volume 42:
  - "Fighter Ops for Shoe Clerks"
  - "The JCS Standing Rules of Engagement - A Judge Advocate's Primer"
- Volume 44:
  - "A Case Study of Rules of Engagement in Joint Operations: The Air Force Shootdown of Army Helicopters in Operation PROVIDE COMFORT"

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- These enclosures may be especially pertinent:
  - Standing Rules for U.S. Forces
  - Air Operations
  - Space Operations
  - Information Operations
  - Noncombatant Evacuation Operation
  - Counterdrug Operations
  - Supplemental Measures (especially Message Formats and Examples
  - Combatant Commander’s Theater-Specific ROE
  - ROE Process
  - References
  - Glossary

After Action Reports

- Available through JAI website
- Other JAGs tell about their experiences working with and briefing ROE

Get out of the office

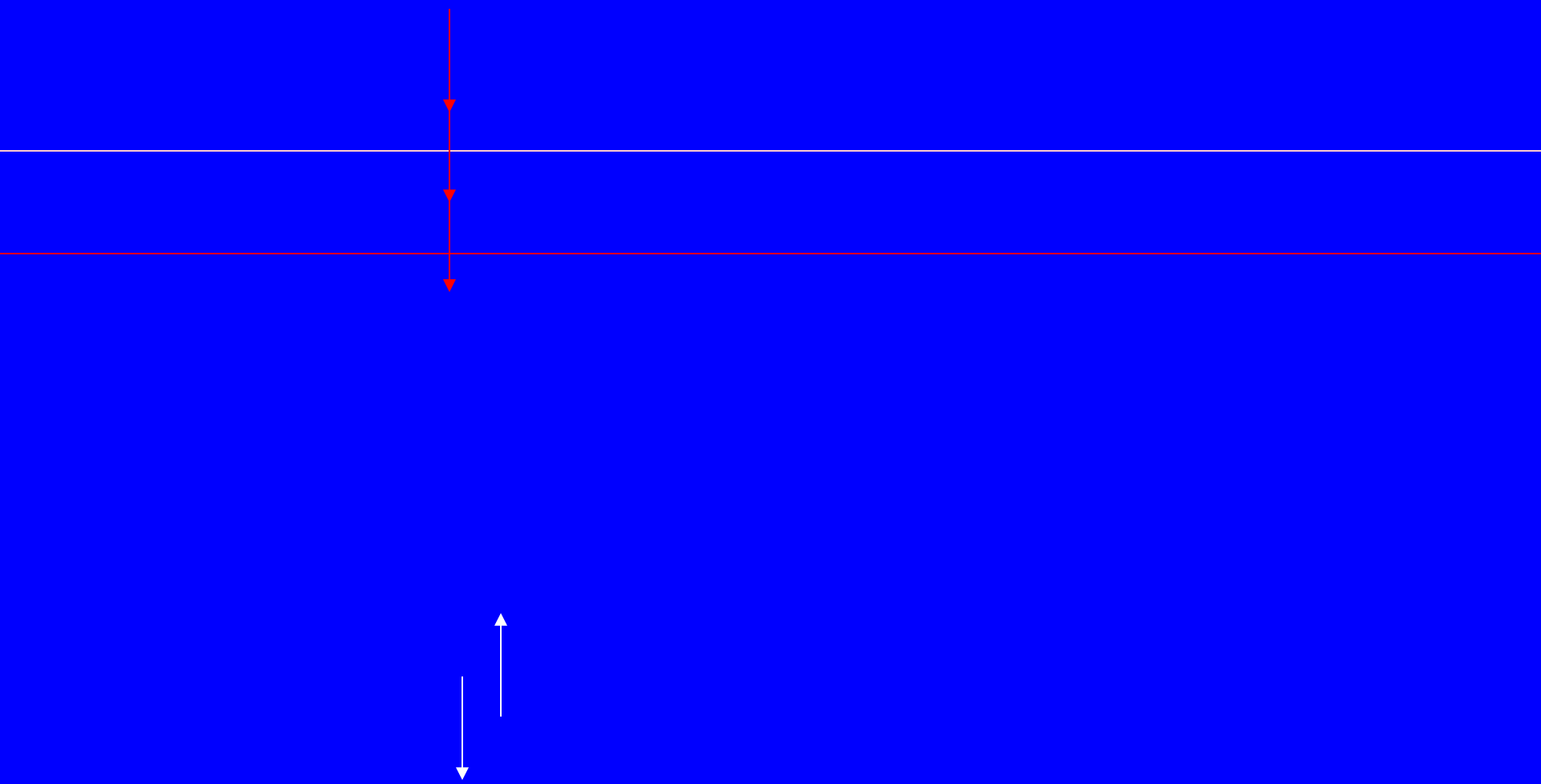
- Find out what is on/near your base
- Talk to pilots/operators
- Get involved

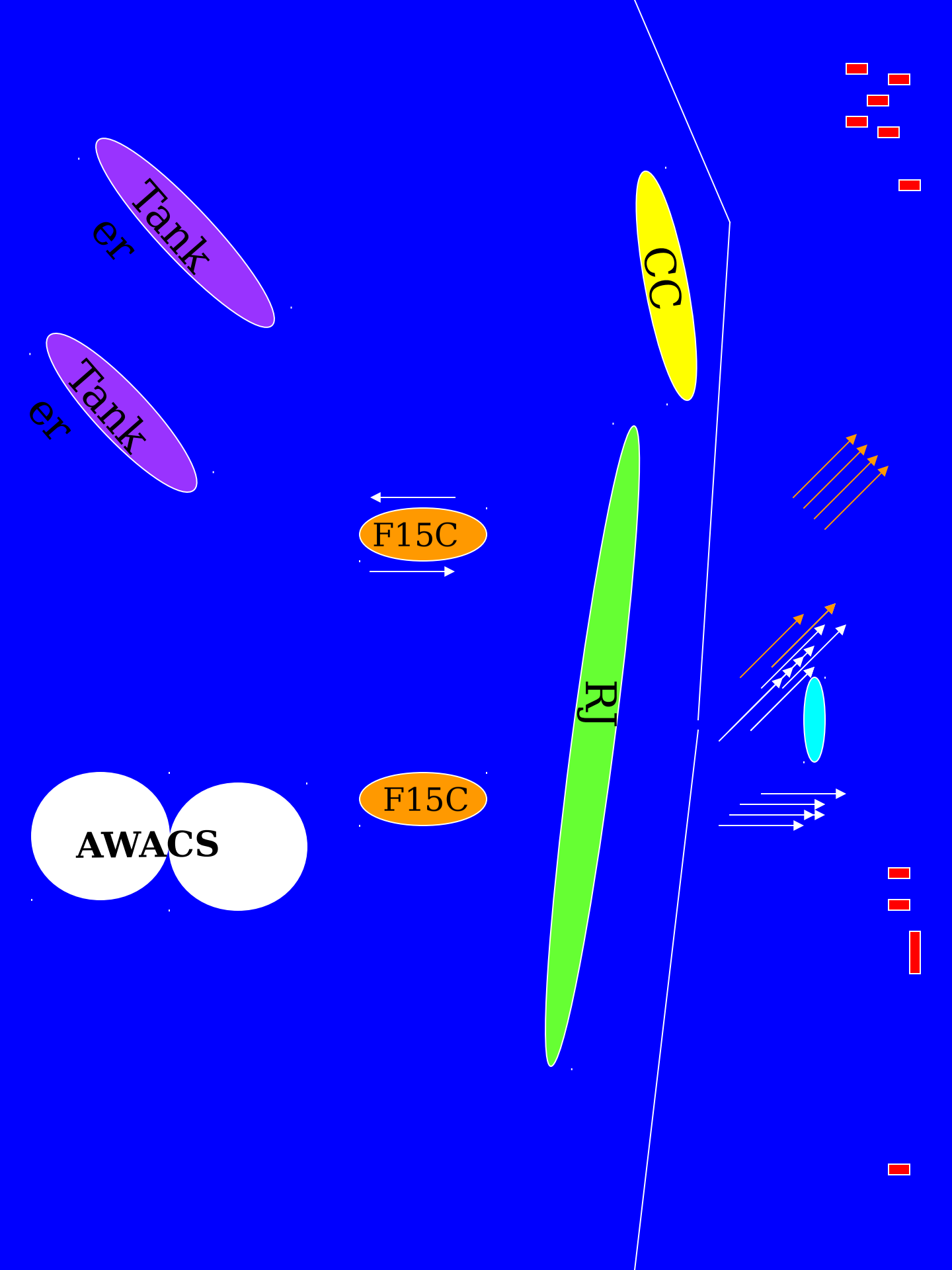
You Don't Need a Backseat Ride To See the Big Picture

- Watch mission planning and debriefing
  - Exercise playback systems
  - ACMI
  - Videotapes
- Simulators
  - Especially Air Control Squadrons
- Chair Flying

Chair Flying

- Get someone to talk you through a mission
  - They can draw out a sample mission
  - They can tell you what types of things occur
    - Who coordinates with whom
    - What are they concentrating on during different phases of the mission
    - When do different aspects of the ROE come into play?
    - What are some of the complicating factors?
  - They can answer your questions

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What Are They Saying?

FRAG

CAP

BVR

BLIND

NO JOY

NAKED

JUDY

HOT

BOGEY DOPE

SPIKE

BRAA

VID

STERN

MUSIC

OPS LINGO

- Most ops lingo is derived from Brevity Code Words
  - Found in AFJPAM 10-228, *Multiservice Air-Air, Air-Surface, Surface-Air Brevity Codes*
  - Keep radio transmissions short
  - Easily pronounced and not likely to be misheard as something else
- More terms found in AFI 11-214, *Aircrew, Weapons Director, and Terminal Attack Controller Procedures for Air Operations*
- Don’t be embarrassed – just ask
- Some are just tradition, even unit-specific
- You want to know what people are saying
  - You needn’t talk like them

Giving the Brief

- Clear and brief
  - Easily
    - Understood
    - Remembered
    - Applied
  - But don’t skimp
- Tailor to audience
  - Understand the general mission and capabilities
  - Try to use examples that fit and that also get them thinking
- Be yourself

Giving the Brief (cont)

- Don’t forget the basics about briefing
  - Pace
  - Tone/inflection
  - Energy
- Remember – you’re a JAG, not a tactician
- ROE cards can be helpful
  - Look out for classification

Examples of Key Areas to Cover
(Depending on your audience)

- **Self Defense**
- Who can declare a target as hostile
- Intercept procedures
- Immediate Pursuit
- Treatment of civilians
- Air to ground

Things to Look Out For

- Changes in the ROE
  - Depending on the phase of the campaign
  - But even within the same phase
  - Check ROE and SPINS daily
- Complacent Crew
- Lemmings
- Mr. Show-off
- Ops leaving it all up to you

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